PATENT CLAIMS

1. Method for updating device descriptions for field devices in process automation technology, characterized in that an application program in a control unit (e.g. PC1, PC2) downloads device descriptions for field devices (e.g. F1, F2, F3) from an external server S.

2. Method as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the application program queries the server S, in regular intervals, as to whether new device descriptions are available.

3. Method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the device descriptions are device descriptions DDs.

4. Method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that preconfigured device descriptions are stored in the server S.

5. Method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the device descriptions in the server S are saved in the respective national language.

6. Method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the control unit (PC1, PC2) and the server S are connected with one another via the Internet I.